

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RETIREMENT OF THE  
GENTLELADY FROM KANSAS,  
THE HONORABLE JAN MEYERS

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 28, 1995*

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere regret that I learned today that the gentlelady from Kansas, JAN MEYERS, would not seek reelection to the 105th Congress next year.

I have served with Mrs. MEYERS on the Small Business Committee since her election to the Congress in 1985. In the current Congress, she serves as Chair of the committee and I am the ranking Democratic member. This is a role reversal from the last Congress, and one which I certainly wish had not occurred. But if it had to occur, then I am pleased that the chairmanship passed to Mrs. MEYERS.

During the time that I have served with her, we have had our philosophical differences, but she always personified the term "gentlelady."

For the most part, however, we approached the needs of the small business community on a bipartisan basis. The 103d Congress, 1993–94, is an example of what can be done legislatively to assist small business.

It was in this Congress that we finalized the legislation to convene a White House Conference on Small Business. This most important conclave of individual small business owners prioritized their needs and provided us with a blueprint for action which will see us into the next century.

It was also last year, that with her strong support, we were able to enact a major Small Business Administration reauthorization act. This bill, enacted as Public Law 103–403, contained many provisions of vital importance to various segments of the small business community. There are, however, two provisions of particular note.

The first is recognition that Federal spending can be reduced without necessarily reducing assistance to small business. The bill demonstrated this by mandating the delegation of additional decisional responsibility to financial intermediaries who deliver assistance through the certified development company loan program.

The second is reemphasis of the role of small businesses owned by women by establishment of an Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise. This committee, consisting of high-level Government officials, will coordinate Federal programs to assist the establishment and growth of women's business enterprises, and work with the private sector National Women's Business Council.

Congressional elections last November sent many new Members to the Congress and has resulted in many different policies being presented for consideration. Some of these ideas have merit and deserve to be pursued; others

are of questionable value; and still yet others, I strongly oppose. But, under our system of government, we must consider all of them, a requirement which presents a herculean task to those who chair our committees.

Mrs. MEYERS has faced this task and performed it with distinction as the Chair of the House Small Business Committee. I am pleased that we still consider small business needs on a bipartisan basis.

Among our major accomplishments this year is legislation to strengthen the Regulatory Flexibility Act which we enacted some 15 years ago. This law requires Federal departments and agencies to consider, and minimize, if possible, any adverse small business impact from proposed regulations. As a result of this year's amendment, however, agencies which ignore small business impact can be brought before the courts which are authorized to enforce this protection.

Possibly the most important item of note is what did not happen—the Small Business Administration [SBA] was not eliminated.

Some new Members of Congress, and even some with experience, do not fully appreciate the ultimate results of the benefits which SBA provides to assist small businesses. In addition, these programs enhance competition, provide employment, and contribute substantial tax income to all levels of government.

At the start of this Congress, I was very apprehensive that this lack of understanding might cause a clamor for the elimination of SBA in order to achieve a minimal amount of budget savings. There has been no such cry, however, and I believe that this has been largely due to the effort of Chairman MEYERS to educate the new Members. She certainly deserves our thanks and support for this very important effort.

I am very sorry that Mrs. MEYERS has announced her departure. She will be greatly missed, particularly by the small business community. I am well aware of the time demands placed upon Members and I too regret the things which I simply cannot do. Thus I sympathize with her decision.

On behalf of her colleagues on the Small Business Committee, I wish her well.

## TRIBUTE TO THE 1995 RATTLER FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 28, 1995*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Florida A&M University Rattler football team, who have had a truly remarkable year. Florida A&M's play this year is reminiscent of its glory days when Jake Gaither was coach and the Rattlers routinely ran roughshod over their opponents.

Coach Billy Joe, in only his second season at the helm of Florida A&M's football fortunes, and his Rattlers this year have captured the

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Football Championship with a perfect 6–0 conference record and earned a berth in college football's Heritage Bowl. The Rattler football team also finished the regular season with a 9–2 record, ranked 2d in the Sheridan Black College Poll, and 15th in the Sports Network NCAA Division I-AA Poll. This was their best season since going 12–1 and winning the Inaugural NCAA Division I-AA National Championship 17 years ago.

This is truly a remarkable feat for a young Rattler football team. And, for the first time in 17 years there's renewed talk of football championships on the highest of Tallahassee's seven hills. For the record, the Florida A&M Rattlers have won 11 national championships since 1938.

Florida A&M not only produces championship football teams and great marching bands but also great minds. In 1992, Florida A&M University won another national championship of sorts by edging out Harvard to become the favorite destination of National Achievement Scholars, the Nation's most sought-after high school graduates. Florida A&M has finished among the top five in the recruitment of these academically gifted students in each of the last 5 years.

Mr. Speaker, I join with Floridians everywhere in extending my congratulations to the 1995 Florida A&M University Rattler Football Team, the MEAC Champions, on a job well done. I know that my colleagues join me in honoring the Rattlers and wish them continued success.

## TRIBUTE TO HOWARD WELINSKY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ANTHONY C. BEILENSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I are honored to pay tribute to Howard Welinsky, a close friend of ours, a great friend of Israel's, and one of the most active, passionate Democrats we have ever known. This year Howard is being given an award by AIPAC for his many activities on its behalf. It is a richly deserved honor.

Indeed, Howard is legendary for his active support of candidates and causes in which he believes. The world could do with a few more people like Howard Welinsky.

His energy is astounding. As senior vice president of administration at Warner Brothers, Howard oversees all the branch personnel operations in the United States and Canada for Warner Brothers distribution. He regularly arrives at the office before dawn and works well into the evening.

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